

§341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities – Adopted to be effective 2/21/2016

Summary of Amendment: The amendment is adopted to:

- correct a discrepancy between rule and Board adopted policy for approving a specialty examination,
- allow the Board to consider partial credit for mentoring a resident/fellow who rotates through several facilities with separate mentors, and
- add credit for item writer for ABPTS specialty examinations.

§341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities.

Licensees may select from a variety of activities to fulfill the requirements for continuing competence. These activities include the following:

(1) – (4) No change

(5) Advanced Training, Certification, and Recognition.

(A) Specialty Examinations. The Board will maintain and make available a list of recognized specialty examinations. Successful completion of a recognized specialty examination (initial or recertification) is automatically approved and assigned a standard approval number by the board-approved organization.

(i) The specialty examination must be successfully completed within the 24 months prior to the license expiration date.

(ii) Each recognized specialty examination is valued at 30 CCUs.

(iii) If selected for audit, the licensee must submit a copy of the letter from the certifying body notifying the licensee of completion of the specialty from the credentialing body, and a copy of the certificate of specialization.

(iv) A specialty examination not on the list of recognized examinations but pertinent to the physical therapy profession may be submitted to the board approved organization for consideration. Documentation required for consideration includes the following:

(I) Identification and description of the sponsoring organization and its authority to grant a specialization to PTs or PTAs;

(II) A complete description of the requirements for specialization ~~including required clock hours of no less than 1,500 completed within the prior 24 months;~~

(III) A copy of the letter notifying the licensee of completion of the specialty from the certifying body, and a copy of the certificate of specialization.

(B) – (C) No change

(D) Supervision or mentorship of a resident or fellow in an American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) credentialed residency or fellowship program. This activity type is automatically approved and is assigned a standard approval number by the board-approved organization.

(i) Clinical supervision of a resident for a minimum of 1500 hours or a fellow for a minimum of 1000 hours is valued at 10 CCUs. The Board will consider partial credit for those mentors who provide mentorship for only a portion of the residency or fellowship.

(ii) Licensees may submit a maximum of 20 CCUs for this activity.

(iii) If selected for audit, the licensee must submit a copy of a letter from the credentialed residency or fellowship program confirming participation as a clinical mentor, with the length of time served as a clinical mentor.

(E) No change

(6) Professional Membership and Service. Licensees may submit activities in this category for up to one half of their CC requirement (PT - 15 CCUs, PTAs – 10 CCUs) at time of renewal. Licensees must demonstrate membership or participation in service activities for a minimum of one year during the renewal period to receive credit. Credit is not prorated for portions of years.

(A) – (C) No change

(D) Service as an item writer for the national PT or PTA exam or an American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) exam. This activity type is automatically approved and is assigned a standard approval number by the board approved organization.

(i) One year of service is valued at 5 CCUs.

(ii) Licensees are limited to the following number of CCUs per renewal:

(I) PTs may submit a maximum of 10 CCUs for this activity.

(II) PTAs may submit a maximum of 10 CCUs for this activity.

(iii) If selected for audit, the licensee must submit a copy of a letter or certificate confirming completion of service on official organization letterhead.